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A crew member is reunited with his wife Thursday.

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New Home's Not So Sweet for Yankees

FIELD DAY: Fans stroll through the concourse of the new Yankee Stadium, which hosted its first MLB regular season game on Thursday. The \$1.5 billion structure features fine dining, private clubs, conference rooms, a martini bar, a farmers market and crazy price tags — \$2,625 for a spot behind home plate. It was an inauspicious start, however, as the Yankees lost 10-2 to the Indians.

Charges For CIA Ruled Out

Agents who were told to use harsh tactics won't face trial

WASHINGTON | Seeking to move beyond what he calls "a dark and painful chapter in our history," President Obama said Thursday that CIA officials who used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration will not be prosecuted.

The government also released four memos long held secret by the Bush administration in which its lawyers approved in extensive and often graphic detail the tough interrogation methods used against 28 terror suspects, the fullest and now complete government accounting of the techniques. The rough tactics range from waterboarding — simulated drowning — to using a plastic neck collar to slam detainees into walls.

Even as they exposed new details of the interrogation program, Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, offered the first definitive assurance that those CIA officials are in the clear, as long as their actions were in line with the legal advice at the time.

Holder said the government would provide free legal representation to CIA employees in any legal proceeding or congressional investigation related to the program. (AP)



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HEALTH CARE

‘Scalpel, Gauze, Clamps, Pink Slip’

A Madison, Wis., nurse was called out of surgery so a manager could tell her she was being laid off. Dean Health said the surgery was minor and the patient wasn't affected, but the manager who summoned the nurse from surgery violated medical protocol. Madison-based Dean Health announced Wednesday that it planned to "immediately" lay off 90 employees. (AP)

STATES

Major Conceptual Stretch Saves Steer

There's a contest to name a Michigan steer that was saved from the dinner table because of its hide. The pattern on one of its sides resembles the state's Lower Peninsula, and the pattern on the other is shaped like a "U," standing for Upper Peninsula. The steer is now known as "Michigan." Owner Farm Bureau Insurance will accept entries until May 31, with a \$250 top prize. (AP)



PUBLIC ART

Sock and Awe

The installation "Le vent souffle ou il veut" by Daniel Buren billows in the wind in De Haan, Belgium, as part of an art show organized every three years on the country's coast. (EXPRESS)



VICTORIAN

Cake Tastes Like Repressed Sexuality

An antiques fair in Birmingham, England, hopes to earn \$215 Thursday when people bid on a slice of cake that's the only remnant of the controversial 1871 wedding of Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Louise to the Marquis of Lorne. The slice, which is 1-inch thick and protected by parchment, is a tiny portion of the towering 5-foot-tall cake served at the wedding. Louise angered the Prince of Wales by becoming the first British princess to marry a commoner. (AP)

WILDLIFE

"I had to bite it."

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In Brief

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Dems Say Perry Should Denounce Secession Talk

A group of Texas Democrats says Republican Gov. Rick Perry was reckless when he suggested



Perry

at a anti-tax rally that fed-up Americans may one day want to secede from the United States. Democratic state Rep. Jim Dunnam says talk of secession is anti-American and that some people associate it with racial division and the Civil War. Perry didn't say he thinks Texas should secede, but he said the federal government was thumbing its nose at the American people and added, "Who knows what might come out of that?" (AP)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

State to Replace Laid-Off Janitors With Prisoners

Ohio wants to use prisoners to replace Statehouse janitors and groundskeepers who were laid off because of budget cuts. The Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, the state's largest public employees' union and the one that represented the laid-off workers, filed a grievance Wednesday to reverse the plan. (AP)

Maersk Crew Returns to America

Mariners recount dramatic encounter with Somali pirates

OXON HILL, MD. | "If I die, I'm going to take someone else with me," one seaman vowed, grabbing a knife as alarms pierced the Maersk Alabama and pirates with assault weapons clambered aboard.

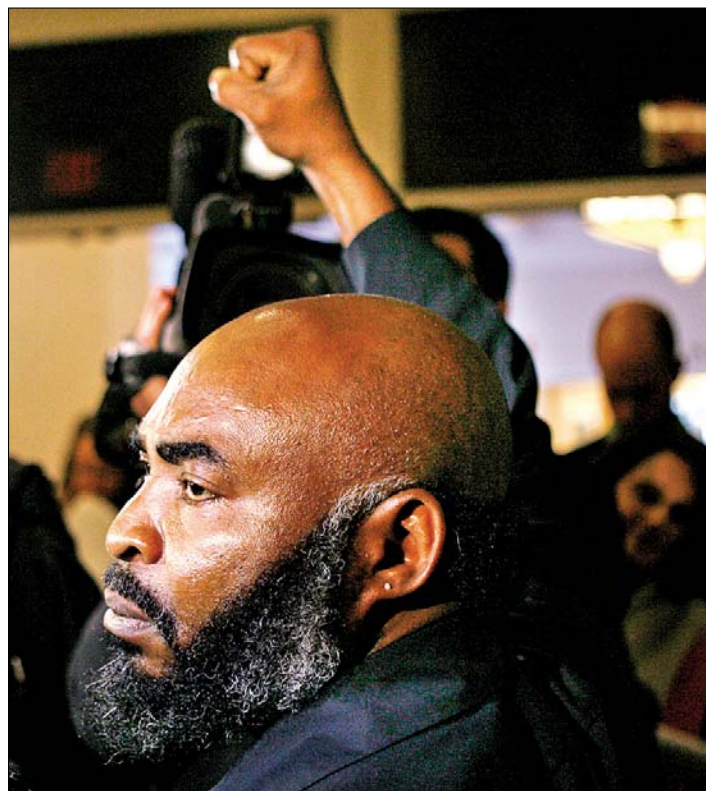
Back home safe and with their families Thursday, the cargo ship's crew described a harrowing contest of wits and mismatched weapons for control of the vessel.

The crew cut power. One bandit was led to the dark engine room, where two mariners struggled to tie him up and one stabbed him.

The crew prevailed, at the cost of seeing their skipper taken hostage on a lifeboat for five days. Freed by Navy SEAL marksmen who killed his captors, Capt. Richard Phillips now has his own homecoming ahead.

A second chartered flight was ready to fly Phillips home to his family in Vermont on Friday.

"I'm just so relieved and overwhelmed that it's over," said third



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Maersk Alabama crew member Miguel Ruiz raises his fist while speaking at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., on Thursday.

engineer John Cronan of Merion, Pa. "I'm home now, the greatest country in the world."

A chartered flight delivered the men into the arms of their exuberant families early Thursday. The

setting at Gaylord National Resort was a far cry from the crushing heat, shouts and fears that enveloped the ship off the African coast when pirates made it aboard.

Crewman Miguel Ruiz of

"I'm just so relieved and overwhelmed that it's over. I'm home now."

—JOHN CRONAN

MAERSK ALABAMA CREW MEMBER

New York City said that when the pirates boarded the ship, he grabbed a flashlight and a knife, went to a secure area and thought, "If I die, I'm going to take someone else with me."

Maersk Alabama crewmen and their families asked the U.S. and other naval powers to make their work safer.

"Something needs to be done to protect the crews," said Robert Vaughan, a brother of third mate Colin Wright. Still, he said of his brother, "He'll be back out there. That's his job." (AP)



CRIME-FIGHTING Not So Tough Now, Are Ya? An 80-year-old's quick thinking foiled an armed robber's attempt to hold up an Omaha, Neb., liquor store. Floyd Westbrook was closing his Sugar Hill Package Liquor Wednesday when a man wearing a ski mask and holding a gun ran in and demanded money. Westbrook opened the register, and when the gunman looked down to take a look at the cash, he snatched the gun out of the robber's hand. Westbrook said the robber fled with \$19, yelling as he ran, "Don't shoot!" (AP)

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Nation



This aerial photograph taken March 22, 2009, shows the World Trade Center site, bottom, and New York's financial district.

WTC Towers Face Delays

**Report: Ground Zero
projects may not be
finished for decades**

NEW YORK | Construction of several Ground Zero office towers could be put off for decades because of the failing real estate market, the site's owners said Thursday, citing an analysis that projected one skyscraper might not be built and occupied until 35 years after Sept. 11.

Developer Larry Silverstein and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have been talking on

and off for months about rewriting a three-year-old agreement that gives the developer rights to build three out of five towers planned at the Sept. 11 terror attack site.

Silverstein, unable to obtain financing for all the towers and with only about \$1 billion left in insurance money to pay for them, asked the Port Authority last fall to guarantee financing for two of his towers, officials familiar with the negotiations say.

The Port Authority is building a 1,776-foot-tall skyscraper, commonly known as the Freedom Tower, that is set to open in 2013.

The Freedom Tower and Silverstein's three planned towers — designed by architects like Lord Norman Foster and Richard Rogers — are all expected to be among the city's tallest towers.

But an analysis prepared for the Port Authority by the Cushman & Wakefield real estate brokerage projected that while two of Silverstein's towers could be built by 2013, a third wouldn't be built until 2030 and fully leased until 2036. A second tower that hasn't been built yet wouldn't be fully leased until 2025, the analysis said. (AP)

HEARSAY | MARRIAGE

**“Rights should not be
stifled by fear. What
we should understand
is that silence should
not be a response to
injustice.”**

—N.Y. GOV. DAVID PATERSON, AFTER RE-
INTRODUCING A BILL IN THE STATE LEGIS-
LATURE ON THURSDAY TO LEGALIZE SAME-
SEX MARRIAGE IN THE STATE.

Army Hunts Suspects in Fuel Theft

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A former Army contractor convicted of stealing \$40 million worth of fuel from a military base in Iraq is helping authorities in a global search for other suspects in the case, according to court records.

One suspect has already been arrested in the Philippines and now awaits indictment from a federal grand jury in Virginia.

Lee W. Dubois of Lexington,

S.C., pleaded guilty last year to theft of government property and faces up to 10 years in prison.

The thefts occurred in 2007 and 2008 from Camp Liberty in Baghdad. Dubois said he and others stole more than 10 million gallons of jet and diesel fuel from the base. They used fraudulent paperwork so that fuel trucks could drive in and withdraw tens of thousands of gallons per day. (AP)

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Bolivian police guard a station holding two suspects in an assassination plot.

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA
Bolivian Police Say They Foiled Plot to Kill President

Police say they broke up an international band of assassins plotting to kill President Evo Morales during a half-hour shoot-out in eastern Bolivia on Thursday. Three suspects were killed and two were arrested in Santa Cruz after they resisted arrest, exchanged gunfire and detonated a grenade that blew out the windows of a hotel, police said. There were no other victims. (AP)

MOMBASA, KENYA
Somali PM Calls for Help To Combat Pirate Leaders

Somalia's prime minister says his government has identified many pirate leaders and would be willing to share that information with other countries, including the United States, to get the resources needed to go after them. Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, speaking Thursday to The Associated Press in an exclusive interview, said the pirates have become so powerful that they threaten his government. (AP)

BAGHDAD
Suicide Bomber in Uniform Strikes Iraqi Military Base

A suicide bomber struck an Iraqi military base Thursday in an attack that Iraqi officials first said killed 16 soldiers but later maintained killed no one but the attacker. The suicide attacker wore an Iraqi military uniform in Thursday's bombing — the fourth major attack against Iraqi security forces in a week. (AP)

Obama Backs Mexico's Drug War

President vows push to ratify agreement to curb weapons' flow

MEXICO CITY | Acknowledging a Mexican drug war that is "sowing chaos in our communities," President Obama signaled Thursday he will not seek the reinstatement of a U.S. assault weapons ban but instead step up enforcement of existing laws against taking such weapons across the border.

Despite a campaign promise to see the lapsed ban renewed, Obama was bowing to the reality that to do so would be unpopular in politically key U.S. states and among Republicans as well as some conservative Democrats.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon, conducting an aggressive fight against drug cartels, had hoped to persuade Obama to push the reinstatement.



President Obama, left, waves as he walks next to Mexican President Felipe Calderon during a welcoming ceremony at the presidential residence in Mexico City.

Obama, on a swift visit here meant to bolster Calderon in his drug fight, countered the disappointment for his Mexican host with a pledge to push Congress

to finally ratify an inter-American weapons treaty that has languished in the Senate since 1998. He said he is asking Congress to provide money for Black Hawk

“You can’t fight this war with just one hand.”

— PRESIDENT OBAMA

helicopters and surveillance equipment Mexico has long sought for its drug war.

“We are absolutely committed to working in partnership with Mexico to make sure that we are dealing with this scourge on both sides of the border,” Obama said after meeting with Calderon.

“You can’t fight this war with just one hand,” he said. “You can’t have Mexico making an effort and the United States not making an effort.”

Obama’s meetings with Calderon also spanned the economic crisis, immigration and clean energy. BEN FELLER (AP)

WEST BANK | HOLIDAY’S END



DEPARTURE: Two members of the ancient Samaritan community leave an event that marked the end of Passover on Mount Gerizim, near the West Bank town of Nablus, Thursday. According to lore, the Samaritans are descendants of Jews who were not deported when the Assyrians conquered Israel in the 8th century B.C.



WANDERLUST Snakes on a Plane Four baby pythons escaped from a container aboard a plane in Australia Tuesday, leading to a search that forced the cancellation of two flights, Qantas airline said. Twelve nonvenomous Stimson pythons were being transported from Alice Springs to Melbourne in the plane's cargo area. When the flight landed, it was discovered that four snakes had escaped. A reptile expert searched for the 6-inch-long snakes but couldn't find them. The plane was fumigated and returned to service on Wednesday.

World



Voters in Badimunda, India, hold identity cards as they wait to cast their ballots in the first stage of India's election Thursday.

Millions Vote Across India

17 killed in guerrilla attacks as monthlong national poll begins

NEW DELHI | It takes a month to elect a new leader in the world's largest democracy.

In remote farming villages and sprawling concrete cities, tens of millions of Indians voted Thursday amid a deeply fractured political scene largely empty of national issues. The election won't wrap up until mid-May — and there may not be a new government selected until early June — but a series of guerrilla attacks and blazing temperatures failed to keep vot-

MAMMOTH EFFORT
India's election is a feat of Herculean proportions, data from the Economist show.

714 million

Indians are eligible to vote in the election, which comprises:

5	stages
4	weeks
6.5M	staffers
543	constituencies
4,617	candidates
300	political parties
828K	polling stations
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ers away from the polls.

Early estimates indicated a fairly heavy turnout, with most states reporting more than 60 percent of voters casting ballots, Deputy Election Commissioner R. Balakrishnan said.

Thursday also saw more than three dozen attacks by Maoist fighters in rural areas across eastern and central India. The violence left at least 17 dead — including police, soldiers and civilians. Three election officials were kidnapped.

But even in the most troubled regions, officials were optimistic.

"People want democracy to triumph," said Tarun Gogoi, an official in Assam state. **TIM SULLIVAN (AP)**

Russia Ends Operation in Chechnya

MOSCOW | Russia on Thursday ordered an end to its counterterrorism operation in Chechnya, a move that could lead to the withdrawal of tens of thousands of troops from the southern republic battered by two separatist wars in

the past 15 years.

The counterterrorism operation led to curfews, limitations on access for journalists and limitations on civilian airline flights, among other measures.

Its cancellation was ordered by

President Dmitry Medvedev and took effect Thursday morning, according to the National Anti-Terrorist Committee, which did not provide further details.

The move bolstered the authority of Chechnya's regional president, Ramzan Kadyrov, who hailed it as a "holiday of peace." **JIM HEINTZ (AP)**

13M

THE NUMBER OF times a YouTube clip of "Britain's Got Talent" contestant Susan Boyle had been viewed by Thursday afternoon. Boyle, 47, has gained an invitation to appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" after she unexpectedly wowed judges with her singing on an episode Saturday.



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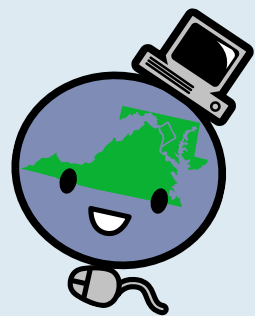
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Local

Barry Ducks Jail Sentence

Feds back off request in council member's probation breach case

Federal prosecutors Thursday backed off their request that D.C. Council member Marion Barry, D-Ward 8, be sent to jail for violating his probation on tax offenses.

Instead, Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Zeno said, Barry should be confined at his home for 30 days, and a judge should extend his probation for two more years.



SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

Prosecutors withdrew their request that Barry serve time for violating probation.

The change of heart came during a hearing before U.S. Magis-

trate Judge Deborah A. Robinson, who is weighing a request by prosecutors to revoke Barry's probation. Robinson did not rule Thursday but said she would issue a written order in the future.

Barry's attorney, Frederick D. Cooke Jr., said the former mayor should be released from his probation for a 2005 tax conviction. At worst, Cooke said, his probation should be extended another year.

After the hearing, Barry said he was not surprised prosecutors withdrew their request for jail time.

DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 16

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-2-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-7-9
Mid-day DC 4	4-2-5-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-5-9-5
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	2-8-13-15-26
Daily 6 (Wed.)	12-20-31-33-35-37 (10)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	17-19-20-31-32 (15)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-2-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-7-7
Mid-day Pick 4	6-1-9-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-7-2-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-8-18-21-33 (XX)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	7-12-17-23-24-31

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-0-1
Mid-day Pick 4	9-3-1-3

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-4-9-7
Mid-day Cash 5	8-9-27-28-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	20-27-28-29-31
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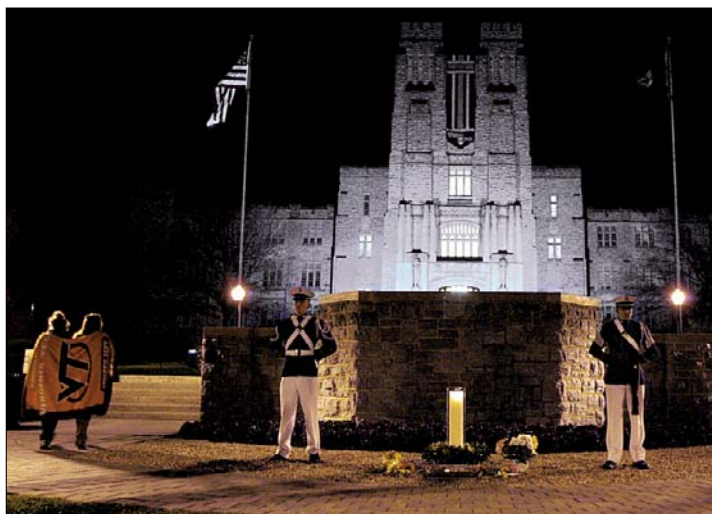
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Va. Tech Honors Shooting Victims

School remembers 32 lives lost in campus massacre 2 years ago

BLACKSBURG, VA. | With a moment of silence and the release of 32 clear balloons in the bright blue sky, the Virginia Tech campus Thursday morning stopped to remember the students and faculty who died here exactly two years before.

The morning began with a 3.2-mile "Run in Remembrance" for the 27 classmates and five teachers who were fatally shot by Seung-Hui Cho, a student from Fairfax County who also killed himself. About 3,700 students registered



Students with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets stand guard in front of a candle at the memorial dedicated to victims of the April 16, 2007, campus massacre.

for the run and just before the 8 a.m. start, they stood for a moment of silence.

As the balloons were released, students craned their necks to watch them drift into the spotless sky. The only noise that could be heard was the beeping of digital cameras.

The university also held a noon gathering where the names of the dead were read aloud and friends and family made comments about them.

Meanwhile, on the Drillfield throughout the day, members of the campus Corps of Cadets stood guard in front of a memorial candle.

IAN SHAPIRA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sending E-Mails, Texts Banned in Howard Vehicles

ELLCOTT CITY, MD. | Howard County Executive Ken Ulman said Thursday county employees are no longer allowed to write, send or read text messages or e-mails while driving county vehicles.

His order, effective immediately, resembles a Maryland law that will go into effect Oct. 1. But his order goes a step further, banning employees driving county employees from writing, reading or sending text messages or e-mails.

He said research and statistics show distracted driving causes 80 percent of accidents and 65 percent of near-accidents. (AP)

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LOS ANGELES | The nation's second-largest shopping mall owner, General Growth Properties, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Thursday in a tough bargaining move to restructure its \$27 billion in debt. General

Growth, which owns more than 200 malls, including Faneuil Hall in Boston and the South Street Seaport in Manhattan, said shoppers at its malls will not be affected by its bankruptcy filing.

The Chicago-based company is paying the price for its aggressive expansion at the height of the real estate boom. General Growth, like many homeowners during the frenzy, bought several properties at



Faneuil Hall in Boston, above, is one of the properties General Growth owns.

top dollar and now is finding lenders unwilling to refinance.

The real estate crisis has been slow to affect the market for retail, hotels and office buildings. But the delinquency rate for commercial loans, while still relatively low, is creeping up and could deepen the economic recession.

"While we have worked tirelessly in the past several months to address our maturing debts, the

collapse of the credit markets has made it impossible for us to refinance maturing debt outside of Chapter 11," Chief Executive Adam Metz said in a statement.

The move by General Growth had been widely anticipated since the fall, when the company warned it might have to seek bankruptcy protection if it didn't get lenders to rework its debt terms.

Chapter 11 typically allows a company to hold off creditors while it develops a financial reorganization plan. ALEX VEIGA (AP)

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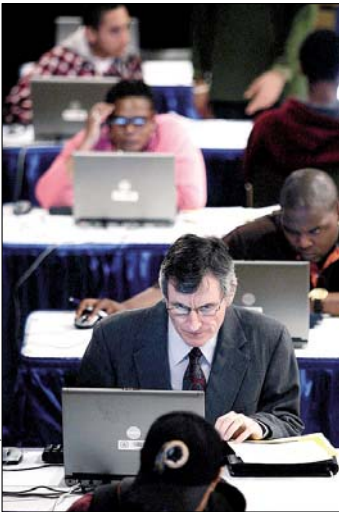
Jobless Stats Temper Hopes for Turnaround

More than 6 million Americans are now receiving jobless aid

WASHINGTON | The number of people receiving jobless benefits exceeded 6 million for the first time, the government reported Thursday, and housing construction unexpectedly plunged to its second-lowest level on record — fresh evidence that the recession is far from over.

Analysts expect the labor market to remain weak for most of this year with companies reluctant to hire new workers until an economic recovery is well under way. And the latest housing data show the slump in that market, a major factor in triggering the recession, has yet to hit bottom.

Still, economists found some silver linings. For the second-straight week, the number of people filing new benefits claims dropped more than expected, and single-family home construction, while depressed, appears to be



Job seekers research companies at a career fair on Thursday in Albany, N.Y.

leveling off.

The Labor Department said Thursday that its tally of initial unemployment claims dropped to a seasonally adjusted 610,000 from a revised 663,000 the previous week. That was significantly below analysts' expectations of 655,000 and the lowest level since late January.

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER (AP)

INTERNET One Price Fits All Time Warner Cable Inc. is shelving its plan to bill customers based on how much Internet traffic they generate, after mounting public and political outcry. Time Warner's capitulation doesn't bode well for the future of metered billing of the Internet. (AP)



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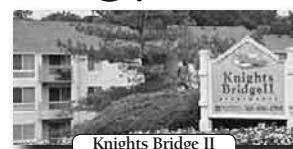
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LeBron James and the Cavs take their NBA-best record up against Detroit.

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12:30 P.M. The Chicago Bulls take on the defending NBA champion Boston Celtics in first-round NBA playoff action. ESPN

3 P.M. The Cleveland Cavaliers look to continue their road to a championship against the Detroit Pistons. ABC

8 P.M. The Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs go at it in an all-Texas first-round Western Conference playoff matchup. ESPN

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sunday

1:35 P.M. The Nats and Marlins finish their weekend three-game series at Nationals Park. DC-50, MASN2

1:35 P.M. The Orioles and Red Sox play the first of two day games to end a four-game series at Camden Yards. MASN

3 P.M. The Lakers start their quest to return to the NBA Finals in a first-round series against the Utah Jazz. ABC

3 P.M. The Pittsburgh Penguins and Philadelphia Flyers skate in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup playoffs' first round, a rematch of last year's Eastern conference final. VERSUS

Spotlight on the Net

Goalie Jose Theodore takes blame for Caps' poor Game 1 showing

CAPITALS | In order to squeeze Game 2 of the Capitals-Rangers Eastern Conference quarterfinal series into a national television slot Saturday afternoon, the NHL gave the two teams an extra day off Friday.

For the Caps, it meant more time



THE SERIES

to mull over just how bad goalie Jose Theodore's performance was in Wednesday's 4-3 loss. The former Vezina Trophy winner had a woeful .809 save percentage, which doesn't even include several Ranger shots that rang off the goal post.

But this being the playoffs, where coaches fear espionage almost as much as the opposing team, coach Bruce Boudreau acknowledged he had decided on whether Theodore or rookie Simon Varlamov would get the nod in Game 2, but declined to tell the media before the Caps and Rangers hit the ice Saturday at Verizon Center.

That Theodore has already become the main story line of this series should come as no surprise to fans. Leading up to Game 1, it seemed the only questions Boudreau and his team faced were about whether Theodore would wilt under the bright lights of the playoffs.



Capitals goalie Jose Theodore scrambles to his skates during the third period of a 4-3 loss to the Rangers in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup playoffs' first round Wednesday. Theodore's regular-season stats made him the worst starting goalie in the playoffs.

“Obviously, I was not good enough. But in the playoffs, you bounce back. ... You have to turn the page.”

—CAPITALS GOALIE JOSE THEODORE ON HIS GAME 1 PERFORMANCE

Despite sporting regular-season stats (2.87 GAA, .900 save percentage) that make him the worst starting goaltender in this year's playoffs, coaches and teammates have, understandably, been wary of criticizing Theodore.

And though Boudreau spent part of Thursday extolling the reasons Varlamov could handle playing in the postseason (“He's played in the world championships in front of big crowds. It's not like he's gonna be a starstruck guy.”), last year's

playoff series with Philadelphia provides evidence of which direction the coach may go.

In a 6-3 loss to Philly in Game 3, Huet was in net for five Flyer goals. Boudreau stuck with him for Game 4, and Huet responded with 42 saves in a double overtime loss.

To Theodore's credit, that's exactly his thinking. “Obviously, I was not good enough,” he said of Game 1. “But in the playoffs, you bounce back. ... You have to turn the page.” MARK GIANNOTTO



FOOTBALL No, Not a Dog Show Disgraced former NFL star Michael Vick is shopping a reality-TV program to producers, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Vick, who is scheduled to be released from federal custody on July 20 for his role in an illegal dogfighting operation, is billing the show as a docu-series, designed to show him trying to “make amends for his past.” Vick reportedly said at a bankruptcy court hearing this month that his television deal would pay him \$600,000.

Madden: 'I Enjoyed It So'

NFL analyst, former coach retires after 30 years in broadcasting

FAREWELL | John Madden is retiring from football announcing, where his enthusiastic, down-to-earth style made him one of sports' most popular broadcasters for three decades.

The Hall of Fame coach spent the last three seasons on NBC's "Sunday Night Football." His final telecast was the Super Bowl in February.

"You know at some point you have to do this — I got to that point," Madden said on his Bay Area radio show Thursday. "The thing that made it hard is not because I'm second-guessing, 'Is it the right decision?' But I enjoyed it so damn much."

Cris Collinsworth will replace Madden, moving over from the network's studio show, NBC Sports chief Dick Ebersol said. Collinsworth filled in when Madden took a game off last October.

Ebersol called Madden "absolutely the best sports broadcaster who ever lived."

Madden said his health is fine,



John Madden, right, pictured with Pat Summerall, with whom he partnered in the booth for many years. Madden's last broadcast was Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla.

"I knew right away there was no way of talking him out of it. I knew in his voice he really thought about this."

—DICK EBERSOL, NBC SPORTS CHIEF, WHO TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO STAY

but at 73, he wants to spend more time with his family. Madden's blue-collar style and love for in-the-trenches football endeared him to fans. His "Madden NFL Football" is the top-selling sports video game of all time.

Longtime broadcast partner Al Michaels said Madden will have a unique place in pro football history.



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Madden led the Raiders to their first Super Bowl victory and retired from coaching in 1979.

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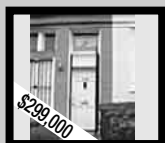


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United Hopes to Find Attack Form

With just 1 win in 4 games, team looks to up goal-scoring effort

UNITED | Considering the injuries and stadium-related distractions facing the club as the season kicked off last month, D.C. United's 1-1-2 record isn't so bad.

The young defense has held up for the most part, and while scoring just five times in four games won't impress, there is little reason to panic. Five is right around the MLS average, indicating that many teams have difficulty finding their offensive rhythm at the start. In addition, United has yet to



Luciano Emilio, who has scored in United's last three games, slides over a defender March 28. United will finally field its full complement of attackers Friday night.

field its full complement of attacking players. Coach Tom Soehn will have the option to do so for the first time Friday night against the rival New England Revolution (2-0-1) at RFK Stadium.

Jaime Moreno (suspension) and Ben Olsen (rested) missed last weekend's loss in Salt Lake City and will be available. Midfielders Santino Quaranta and Fred also are off the injury list and are expected to play. D.C. will continue to hope that playmaker Christian Gomez can find his form. The true potential of United's attack has yet to be tapped, and Gomez (one goal, zero assists) is the key.

The former MLS MVP found

success with a more assertive, direct style of play than seen from many at his position, but so far this season he's been unable to free himself to run at opposing defenses. Soehn said that was a matter of time.

“He’s still very dangerous, and as we get sharper, that’s going to help him out.”

UNITED COACH TOM SOEHN, SPEAKING ON STRIKER CHRISTIAN GOMEZ.

“He’s working his way into where he needs to be. He’s still very dangerous, and as we get sharper, that’s going to help him out as well because we’re not finding him quick enough. We’re growing together,” Soehn said. **BRIAN STRAUS**

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Dukes Gets Shot to Shine

With Milledge gone, 24-year-old will play center field every day

NATIONALS | One of the critical questions surrounding the Washington Nationals coming out of spring training was how manager Manny Acta would successfully spread the at-bats among his five-deep outfield rotation.

In the first week of the season, Lastings Milledge helped answer that question, but in a way that no one in the organization is quite pleased with.

Milledge struggled as a lead-off hitter, failing to grasp the innate requirements of the table-setting spot and batting just .167 through the first seven games. He also stumbled in center field, repeatedly taking poor routes to hard-hit fly balls and costing the team runs.

Seven games — and seven losses — into the season, the team made a bold move, sending the talented 24-year-old to Triple-A Syracuse and ceding the center field spot to Elijah Dukes, who after a tough spring has started the season strong.

Dukes, in a rare session with the media Monday, said he's pleased but not satisfied with his early season success.



Elijah Dukes, who has shined at the plate for the Nationals so far, will have a chance to play every day in center field, since Lastings Milledge was sent to the minors.

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"My patience has really been better because I kind of lost my patience in the spring," he said. "It's always good to be in grooves, but it all comes down to winning. It's not about what I do. It's always about winning, and that's the key

part of what I do is to help the team win, and, obviously, I've got to do a little bit more."

The organization is excited now about Dukes, who is perhaps the most physically gifted player on the team.

Acta marveled about his power after the 24-year-old took a two-strike pitch and flicked it over the left-field wall.

"Just unbelievable strength," Acta said. "This guy pretty much hit that ball with one hand. Out in front of it, those are the kinds of things he can do." **DEREK TURNER**

Billups, Nuggets Have Eyes on Playoff Prize

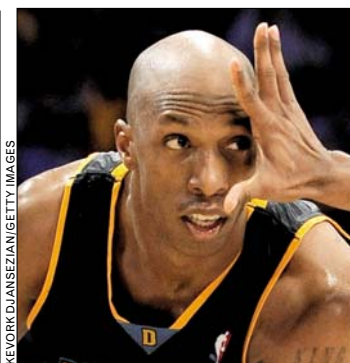
Early season trade changed Denver from afterthought to threat

NBA | Chauncey Billups doesn't get mentioned in the MVP debates the way LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Kobe Bryant do. He lacks their flash and dash, if not their cache.

But was any player more valuable to his team than the centerpiece of the NBA's most lopsided trade in years?

Billups' departure from Detroit fostered the Pistons' unraveling, and his arrival in Denver turned the Nuggets from an afterthought into a legitimate threat.

Denver tied the franchise record for wins in an NBA season with 54 and secured the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs,



Billups led Denver to its first home-court playoff advantage in 21 years.

earning the home-court edge in a playoff series for the first time in 21 years.

"We were doubted so much that we wanted to prove to everybody that we weren't the team everybody thought we were," Carmelo Anthony said. "We needed to bring in a guy of his caliber." **(AP)**

Rivers: Garnett May Miss Playoffs

NBA | Kevin Garnett isn't ready to start the playoffs, and Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday that there's a strong possibility he will miss the entire postseason.

"He's not going to be ready. After watching him practice, there's no

way," Rivers said on WEEI-AM. "The way I saw him move today, I don't know if he'll be ready."

When asked to clarify, Rivers said there was a chance Garnett could be out for the rest of the season. Garnett injured his right knee Feb. 19. **(AP)**



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1994	210,596	8.8	134,153	63.7
1995	224,991	6.8	144,427	64.2
1996	227,811	1.3	146,493	64.3
1997	234,160	2.8	148,738	63.5
1998	246,128	5.1	160,305	65.1
1999	267,081	8.5	172,384	64.5
2000	284,659	6.6	182,592	64.1
2001	317,211	11.4	203,920	64.3
2002	351,550	10.8	227,373	64.7
2003	387,366	10.2	246,570	63.7
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SuChin Pak
'G WORD' CO-HOST, ECO ENTHUSIAST

During her years at MTV News, SuChin Pak used to wrangle celebrities in the green room. Now, she wrangles regular folks into living greener as co-host of Planet Green's eco-hip news program, "G Word" (Mon.-Thu., 6 p.m.). Just before Earth Day, she chatted about ways to be environmental yet edgy.

"G Word" seems to pride itself on being both hip and eco-friendly. Being green doesn't look like what it used to. The conversation is so different than it was in our parents' or grandparents' generations. In the past, it was about hippies and love children. Now, it's not about having a different lifestyle.

People don't realize that being eco-friendly doesn't require radical changes. It's not an all-or-nothing thing.

Really, it's about very simple, little changes you can make. You can still be into fashion, care about what your skin looks like or think about what bag you're going to carry that day. You just learn to incorporate better choices.

Were you always so eco-aware? It's funny — being "green" to me was ingrained because my parents were always trying to save money, save water, turn off the lights or arrange a carpool. I don't think my parents even know what it means to be "green," but they were.

So, being green can be about living more simply and economically? Some of the most green people in our lives are our parents and grandparents, who always bought locally and carefully. I remember my grandmother would buy a jar of cream and make it last for a long

time. To me, that is just as green as something with an expensive, eco-savvy label on it.

What's the one green change you wish everyone would make?
The easiest place you can go green is in your refrigerator. We buy so

"My grandmother would buy a jar of cream and make it last. That is just as green as an eco-savvy label."

much that we just never eat, and it goes to a landfill. And landfills are so compacted at this point that food just doesn't rot. If we just plan our food purchases a little better, it could eliminate so much waste.

What other things should people pay more attention to?
Just as you would if you wanted to eat healthier or take better care of your skin, the most important thing you can do when buying something is to turn over the bottle and get informed about the ingredients.

Many items we use daily are full of unpronounceable chemicals.
If I'm at a friend's house, I'll go through the medicine cabinets and pull out products. I'll ask them, "What is this? Do you know what these parabens do to your endocrine system? Are you crazy?" Even if they just use a little bit every day, it adds up over time.

Are there eco products you love?
Dr. Woods peppermint soap (\$4, Vitapal.com). I get big jugs at the drugstore. It's an amazing all-natural, all-purpose soap. I do absolutely everything with it, including washing both my hair and the floors. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

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Straws That Don't Suck

IN THE GREEN MOVEMENT, drinking straws — aka easily tossed, non-biodegradable plastic sheaths — have emerged as the latest enemy. But there's no need to gulp your iced latte straight from a cup. Retro-striped paper straws (shown, \$2.50 per box, Rckndy, 1515 U St.; 202-332-5639) are both cute and guilt-free. Sluuuurp.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Next month, I'm getting married in an informal ceremony on a Hawaiian beach. I'm not going to wear shoes, but for the dinner afterward, I'll need a pair of sandals, something that's pretty but not too fussy. — EMILY

Manolo says, how the Manolo well remembers the single beach wedding he attended, many years ago, in the seaside resort mecca of Panama City, Fla. — where all of your wildest mini golf and ribald T-shirt desires



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It was the beautiful and moving ceremony, the bride in the lovely white sundress-ish thing, the groom so handsome in his tuxedo from the Jimmy Buffett "Margaritaville" collection. The Manolo nearly wept with joy for his friends.

And then the sand fleas came.

Afterward, the fragrance of calamine lotion and domestic bee scented the magic Redneck Riveria night.

Ayy! Hawaii! You will need the most beautiful shoes possible for your festival of poi, roast pig and lifelong commitment.

Here is the Lane by the Kate Spade (\$299, Zappos.com), the simply beautiful spring sandal. It is available both in the lovely, metallic hibiscus-like pink or the sparkling gold or silver, all of which go with the white of the bridal finery.

ON THE COVER

Poetic License hot pink satin platform sandal (\$150, Zelaya, 4940 Saint Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550). Photo by Marge Ely.

Cut to the Taste



CHOCOLATES TASTE DELICIOUS to both sexes. But there's something about handing a guy a frilly box of bonbons that just seems silly. At the new Farragut Square outpost of gourmet chocolatier Schokolad (1107 19th St.; 202-457-8888), a set of cast-in-cacao tools (shown, \$13 for six) might be more to his taste. And if he's not a handyman, there's always the chocolate handcuffs (\$10).

Fashion Greek

LONG BEFORE STYLIST-to-the-stars Rachel Zoe decked Jennifer Garner and Nicole Richie in goddess-y gowns, New York designer Mary McFadden was pillaging ancient cultures for inspiration. Her multi-culti dresses (shown) and fit-for-Aphrodite jewelry now star in an exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts (1250 New York Ave. NW; Nmwa.org). Also on view: fashion photos and historic images that might inspire you to walk (or dress) like an Egyptian or Roman.

HIGHER POWERS

Look downward, angel. The biggest thing in spring fashion isn't a dress or top; it's a Washington Monument-high shoe. "In bleak times, heels empower you," says Shoe Hive's Abigail Hopkins. But unless you want to look like a *Real Housewife of Arlington County*, wear towering treats subtly — say, gladiators with slim pants or patterned pumps with a solid frock. ASHLEY JOY PARKER



(1) Purple ruffles make Steve Madden's 4-plus-inchers a girly pairing for a yellow sheath (\$90; Piperlime.com). **(2)** Bettie Muller's rose-print pumps add a patterned pop to jeans (\$345, Shoe Hive, 115 S. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-7105). **(3)** Don a breezy dress with Jeffrey Campbell's boho wood platforms (\$115, Nordstrom, Tysons Corner Center; 703-761-1121). **(4)** So Liz Taylor in the '60s, Sam Edelman's studded gladiators toughen up a frilly frock (\$135, Zelaya, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550). **(5)** Candy-shop colors look sweet on BCBGirls' platforms (\$109, Nordstrom). **(6)** Buckles and metallic leather lend Michael Kors' sandals a futuristic vibe (\$135, Shoe Hive). **(7)** Joan Jett would rock out in Dollhouse's studded stunners (\$75, Piperlime).

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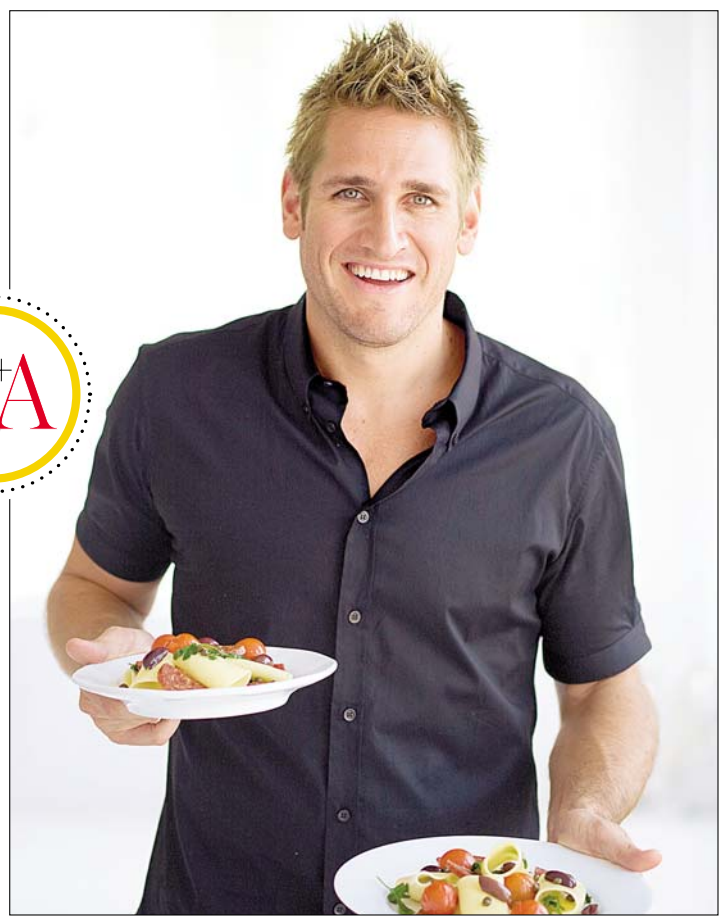
Aussie chef Curtis Stone seduces us with easy recipes

If you're a single woman at the grocery store, being approached by a guy offering to make you dinner seems creepy. But if that man is Aussie chef Curtis Stone — who did just that on the TLC show "Take Home Chef" — you'll be in for a feast. The hunky food ambassador shares his dishes in "Relaxed Cooking With Curtis Stone: Recipes To Put You in My Favorite Mood" (\$33, Clarkson Potter).

What's your party strategy?
Meals should be delicious, approachable and relaxed. Set the scene from the moment people get to your place. If you're stressed out and worrying about crazy ingredients, that's not good.

You suggest one way to entertain is with "sofa" recipes like panini or popcorn. Isn't that antisocial?
I'm the first person to say, "Don't watch TV when you eat." But sitting on the sofa with friends can be a chilled-out way to entertain.

The book also recommends doing weekend lunches. Why?
To me, if you can sit down with



SPECIAL OF THE G'DAY: Aussie chef Curtis Stone serves Oz-meets-U.S. cuisine.

some special people for lunch, you've got the rest of the day to decide what you want to do.

What's a good thing to fix then?
Lately, I've been making a salad with burrata [a creamy mozza-

rella], tomatoes and New York strip steak.

On "Take Home Chef," you got inside many U.S. grocery stores. What did you think?
In general, Americans have great

access to beautiful food. And there's been such a resurgence of farmers markets, which have now become trendy and cool.

What's the key to making the most of a farmers market?
These guys spend their lives on a farm, and they love being asked questions. Ask them how they grow asparagus. The more you understand it, the better you cook it.

"I'm a little spasmodic. The other day I drove home with 50 pounds of crab in the trunk of my car."

What's usually in your basket or cart at the market?
Fresh veggies and fruits. But I'm a little spasmodic — the other day I drove home with 50 pounds of Dungeness crab in the trunk of my car.

You live in L.A. now —any Aussie delicacies you miss?
We've got incredible fresh seafood in Australia. Sometimes I worry about the supermarket fish counters here.

You design a really sleek line of kitchen wares, too.
I think the kitchen should be a fun place. So, I wanted to make sexy gadgets. I just came out with the Bump and Grind (\$200, Curtis Stone.com), a modern mortar and pestle. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Smoked Trout Melt

SERVINGS: 4

INGREDIENTS: 10 ounces smoked trout, skin and any bones removed; 1/2 cup creme fraiche; 1 cornichon, finely diced; 1 1/2 tbsp chopped fresh dill; 1/2 tbsp fresh lemon juice; salt and freshly ground pepper; 4 slices pumpernickel or rye bread; 1/3 cucumber, thinly sliced; 4 slices Emmentaler cheese

PREHEAT THE BROILER. Flake the trout into large chunks and toss them in a medium bowl with the creme fraiche, cornichon, 1 tbsp of the dill and the lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange the pumpernickel bread slices in a single layer on a baking sheet and broil for about one minute on each side. Arrange the cucumber slices on



the pieces of toast, and spoon the trout mixture over the cucumbers. Return the sandwiches to the broiler for about two minutes, or until the trout mixture is warm. Top the sandwiches with the cheese and broil again for about three minutes, or until the cheese has melted and is lightly golden. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 tbsp of dill and serve.

From "Relaxed Cooking with Curtis Stone: Recipes To Put You in My Favorite Mood"

District of Collusion

Our very own D.C. is the setting for the twisted political thriller 'State of Play'

FILM | "State of Play" looks like a provocative, '70s-style political thriller, and it's the murder of a young woman — a rising congressman's mistress — that drives the narrative.

But it also turns out to be a fond homage to old-school journalism, and it plays like a eulogy for a sadly dying industry. That's especially true of the footage that rolls during the closing credits: the printing, packaging and shipping out of a big-city newspaper. The images may seem mundane, but they also evoke nostalgia for a more optimistic, prosperous time — especially for those of us who work in this business.

'STATE OF PLAY'

→ **DIRECTOR:** Kevin Macdonald

→ **STARS:** Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams

→ **IN A NUTSHELL:** Murder, intrigue, a congressman and a reporter make for a glorious Washington, D.C., mess.

→ **FOR FANS OF:** "All the President's Men"

Russell Crowe's Cal McAffrey represents the last vestige of this way of life. A veteran reporter for the Washington Globe (standing in for The Washington Post), he drives a beat-up 1990 Saab, crams junk food in his face on the way to a crime scene and even keeps a bottle of whiskey in the drawer of his desk.

But he also happens to be old



CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Affleck's a politician and Crowe's a reporter — Houston, we have a journalistic ethics problem.

friends with the politician in question, Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck), who's chairman of the committee overseeing defense spending. Cal's various conflicts of interest — and the congressman's — are revealed as the investigation unfolds.

Director Kevin Macdonald, who already showed a sure hand in navigating complex plots and intense intrigue with "The Last King of Scotland," moves the story along smoothly through its various twists and turns.

Crowe loses himself in another role — he's a character actor in a leading man's body.

He also gets journalism right, which doesn't always happen. The debates about quick online hits versus hard-hitting investigations feel relevant and real.

Believably disheveled, Crowe loses himself in yet another role

— as always, he's a character actor in a leading man's body — and he has some fiery exchanges with the always sharp Helen Mirren as the paper's editor. Crowe also has a comfortable chemistry with Rachel McAdams as the young blogger he reluctantly accepts as his partner.

But he and Affleck never feel like a good fit for each other, and not just in acting ability. The age difference is too distracting and makes it difficult to believe they were college roommates, which is crucial to the plot. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

nightlife agenda



Masekela trumpets freedom tonight.

FRIDAY

If you can turn down seeing a living repository of jazz and world political history blow his horn for \$25, you must already have some amazing plans tonight. Hugh Masekela plays a South African pre-Freedom Day celebration at Zanzibar, which also includes a tribute to his former wife, Miriam Makeba. Onstage, his flugelhorn is but one element of an electrifying presence that draws from his timeworn singing voice. Grab your \$25 ticket from **ZANZIBAR** in advance, though, because the price rises to \$30 at the door.

SATURDAY

Saturday is Record Store Day. What is Record Store Day, exactly? Think of it sort of like Earth Day, except for record stores. To celebrate the day, there are in-store performances all over the country, and here in D.C. we've got one of our faves, Benji Ferree, doing the solo thing at **SOM RECORDS**. Som is also the only place in town where you'll be able to get a special sampler released by Ferree's label, Domino Records.

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REALITY TV Super-Charmed Life Little Rudy from "The Cosby Show" (the youngest of the Huxtable brood) is a grown woman now, and she's about to show off her life on cable TV. Oxygen said Wednesday that it's developing a reality show about actress Keshia Knight Pulliam and her live-in boyfriend, Atlanta-area entrepreneur Kaseem Penn. It will explore what it's like co-habiting and being young and rich. No air date is set for the show, which will be titled "Keshia and Kaseem." (AP)



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ADVENTURELAND (R, 104 minutes) In its own gentle way, the film restores a welcome note of humanism to a genre

that has lately become little more than a repository for fart-and-vomit jokes. Jesse Eisenberg plays James Brennan, a recent college graduate whose plans for a European vacation before starting grad school are foiled when his family suffers an economic setback. James is forced to live at home and get a job at the local amusement park. There he meets an eclectic

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JUST BE YOURSELVES: Billy Ray Cyrus and Miley Cyrus play — gasp! — a father and daughter in “Hannah Montana: The Movie.”

group of lost and striving souls, including a thwarted rock musician (Ryan Reynolds) and a sultry, mysterious girl named Em (Kristen Stewart), with whom he furtively falls in love. Thanks to an exceptionally deft touch, director Greg Mottola manages to capture the absurdity and anguish of young adulthood. (AH)

DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG, 84 minutes) The characters are likable and the action sequences bloodless and colorful in this bland, convoluted, special effects-laden coming-of-age fantasy. It is adapted from a popular series of Japanese manga comics and video games. Set in a sci-fi near-future, the movie introduces high-schooler Goku (Justin Chatwin). Grandpa (Randall Duk Kim) gives him a beautiful Dragonball that has powers. He says Goku's true identity will be revealed on his birthday. But Goku skips his birthday dinner for a party and returns to find Grandpa buried under their collapsed house. As he dies, Grandpa warns that the alien Lord Piccolo (James Marsters) has returned in search of the Dragonball. Goku joins an eccentric group to defeat Piccolo. (JH)

DUPLICITY (PG-13, 125 minutes) Tony Gilroy's romantic espionage caper pits two pharmaceutical companies against each other. Burkett & Randle, led by Howard Tully (Tom Wilkinson), has discovered a cream that will revolutionize the industry.

Equikrom, led by Richard Garsik (Paul Giamatti) needs to steal the secret to that lotion. And there's romance, of sorts. Behind the scenes, Claire Stenwick (Julia Roberts) and Ray Koval (Clive Owen) work their nefarious magic, he on Equikrom's side, she on Burkett & Randle's. But are they both really working for each other? And can they really trust each other? Luckily, Owen and Roberts both get to play off Giamatti, who overacts gleefully. It's smart, it's for grown-ups, and it lets Julia Roberts laugh, if just once. DAN KOIS

FAST & FURIOUS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This film refires the high-speed adrenaline and the fuel-injected bromance between Vin Diesel and Paul Walker that began in 2001's "The Fast and the Furious." The reunion is fun and frantic, like the original on double nitro. Gone is the young-boy innocence of the first, in which guys (and gals) cheated death at high velocity like towheaded surfer dudes. Now it's all about kill-or-be-killed screeching, shooting and colliding at the Mexican border, with FBI SWAT teams and helicopters in frantic pursuit. Bromance-wise, there's some bad blood between Dominic (Diesel) and Brian (Walker) to clear up: all that 2001 business about Brian's being an undercover cop and not telling Dom or his sister (Brian's love interest, Jordana Brewster). But it's nothing a dangerous mission to bust a Mexican crime

lord can't solve. (DT)

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G, 98 minutes) The first moment of applause came early during a recent screening, so early, in fact, the house lights had just begun to dim. The source of the clapping was a pair of excitable girls who looked to be about 7 years old. Which is pretty much the target demographic of this innocuous feature-length adaptation of the popular Disney Channel series about Miley Stewart (Miley Cyrus), an ordinary teenage girl who secretly moonlights as Hannah Montana. When Miley/Hannah gets too caught up in the celebrity swirl of Los Angeles, she's relegated to her family's home in Tennessee by her widowed father (Billy Ray Cyrus, the star's real-life dad). While there, she must cope with country life; evade a tabloid reporter seeking to expose her double life; save the community from a developer; and meet hunky Travis. The film may be, at heart, every Disney princess movie you've ever seen — but with a stretch limo instead of a pumpkin-turned-coach and a prince who wears a cowboy hat. (MO)

THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13, 92 minutes) Solid acting and handsomely realized effects depicting ghostly visions and visitations make this a chilling occult tale: There are flashbacks of someone preparing to snip the eyelids off a body, and of seances in which ghostly ectoplasm

spews from a live person's mouth. Virginia Madsen plays Sara, whose teenage son, Matt (Kyle Gallner), has a life-threatening illness. She moves the family to an old house near the hospital where Matt is treated. He immediately starts seeing dead people and worse in the house, and becomes detached and obsessed. A cleric (Elias Koteas) helps Matt reveal the secret behind the haunting. The narrative is repetitive but still effective. (JH)

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13, 132 minutes) As the protagonists rehearse the movie's core philosophical questions, they wind up making a text of the subtext that lies just under the surface of most romantic comedies: romantic complaint. Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) throws herself headlong into every relationship she's in. Janine (Jennifer Connolly) has a husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is distant when they talk about what color to paint a room, while Beth (Jennifer Aniston) has a boyfriend, Neil (Ben Affleck), who refuses to get married. It's the movie equivalent of a quick mani-pedi, with pleasures that go just about as deep and last just about as long. (AH)

I LOVE YOU, MAN (R, 105 minutes) Paul Rudd is a phone book actor, meaning he's just one of those guys who could stand there and read a phone book and we'd laugh. Just watch him in the first few scenes of his most recent role, when his character, Peter Klaven, listens in on a raunchy conference call between his fiancée, Zooney (Rashida Jones), and her best girlfriends. Or listen as he makes up fake guy-talk when he goes on a first man-date with Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), the shambling Lost Boy who Peter befriends. Only Rudd could mine comic gold from standing there and saying things like "joben" and "totes magotes." It's a thin premise, one that features the usual quota of jokes involving masturbation, projectile vomiting and flatulence. But is it worth it? Thanks to Rudd and Segel (and some terrific cameos), totes magotes. (AH)

KNOWING (PG-13, 110 minutes) John Koestler (Nicolas Cage), comes across a 50-year-old list of numbers that somehow seems to have predicted — down to the precise date and location — every major disaster of the last half-century, plus a few that haven't happened

yet. His problems — alcohol abuse, the recent death of his wife — make him sound unhinged when he tries to warn people of the coming apocalypse. Yes, the film is creepy, at least for the first two-thirds or so, in a moderately satisfying, if predictable, way. But the narrative corner into which this movie, directed by Alex Proyas ("I, Robot"), paints itself is a simultaneously silly and

morbidly depressing one. Well before the film neared its by turns dismal and ditzzy conclusion, I found myself knowing — yet hardly able to believe — what was about to happen. (MO)

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG, 94 minutes) This super-duper, 3-D, big-screen, Imax-deluxe extravaganza has bells and whistles, superb technical sophistication, dazzling visual effects,

sound, fury and Reese Witherspoon. What it doesn't have is heart. Even children appreciate a good story, and that's precisely what's missing in this film, which is nominally about a bunch of government-sponsored monsters that do battle with an evil alien squid craving world domination. That's plot, not a story. And too often, it's about things, not characters. One excep-

tion is B.O.B., a forgetful blue gelatinous blob that, as voiced by Seth Rogen, not only elicits but earns his laughs. As for the rest of the movie, it will recede into your own B.O.B.-like memory bank, dissolve quickly and disappear forever. (AH)

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R, 86 minutes) Written and directed by Jody Hill, the

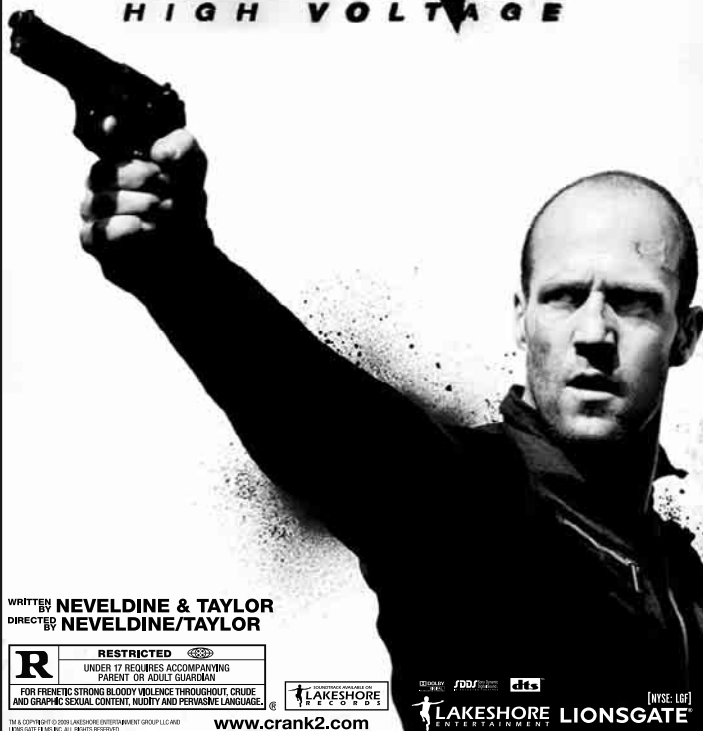
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film is the logical conclusion of the loser comedy, losers of the like portrayed by Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and the late Chris Farley. Those losers, however, always possess some modicum

of charm. Not Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen), a guy who can be described only by using an epithet not allowed in this newspaper. As head of security at the Forest Ridge Mall, Ronnie personifies every rent-a-cop cliché, from the delusions of grandeur, to the gun-nut-tiness, to a burning desire to be a real detective. He sexually harasses Brandi (Anna Faris), the makeup-counter clerk.

During an interview at the police academy, he admits that he's bipolar; inspired by love for Brandi, he decides to go off his meds. At that point, what happens is so ridiculously violent and uncomical that you just might laugh, but only out of shock and awe. **JOHN ANDERSON**

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG, 98 minutes) Screenwriters Matt Lopez and Mark Bomback have retooled the

Alexander Key novel that provided fodder for the original 1975 film, creating a vehicle for Dwayne Johnson. Johnson is a sly delight here, playing an ex-con named Jack Bruno, who has traded in his NASCAR dreams to drive a cab in Las Vegas. Between trundling sci-fi geeks to a UFO convention, Jack picks up a pair of very anxious blond tweens

named Seth (Alexander Ludwig) and Sara (AnnaSophia Robb). Once Seth halts a pursuing SUV with his breastplate and Sara levitates Jack's tip change, it becomes clear that Jack is dealing with two strays from outer space who have crash-landed in the desert. With government agents hot on his trail, Jack endeavors to spirit his young charges back to their ship. **JAN STUART**

SIN NOMBRE (R, 96 minutes) In the careful, confident hands of California-born, NYU-schooled director Cary Joji Fukunaga, this film is an elegant, heartbreaking fable, equal parts Shakespearean tragedy, neo-western and mob movie but without the pretension of those genres. Fukunaga, who also wrote the script, has made one of the most memorable directorial debuts in recent history, deftly weaving two stories of desperation. **DAN ZAK**

12 ROUNDS (PG-13, 108 minutes) WWE wrestling star John Cena is an affable, boulderlike presence in this undistinguished crime thriller, built around a series of huge stunts. Cena plays Danny Fisher, a New Orleans police detective who has earned the enmity of a vile international dealer named Miles (Aidan Gillen). Somehow out of prison, Miles blows up Danny's house, then abducts his girlfriend, Molly (Ashley Scott) and sets up 12 Herculean tasks for Danny to complete or Molly will die. Each involves putting innocents at risk: an out-of-control trolley car, a free-falling freight elevator, a safe-deposit box with a bomb in it, etc. (JH)

WATCHMEN (R, 163 minutes) The film, like the 1986 graphic novel by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, follows the tormented daily lives of a ragtag band of retired superheroes caught up in a plot to save the Earth, and themselves, from the machinations of a self-appointed savior of mankind. The movie exposes the glaring problem with the original material: The dialogue stinks. But when it marches in lockstep with the tedious plot, the only watch that matters in "Watchmen" is the one on your wrist. (PK)


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9811 Washington Boulevard
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Revisit the 'Gardens'

A disturbing '70s doc is given layers by a captivating HBO film

CREEPY | Hollywood once promoted blockbusters with the line, "You've read the book; now see the movie." Now it could just as easily read, "You've seen the documentary; now watch the dramatization."

Now, "Grey Gardens" (8 p.m., HBO, Sat.) offers a behind-the-scenes look at the women featured in the cult 1975 documentary of the same name. The story of "Big Edie" Bouvier Beale (Jessica Lange) and her daughter, "Little Edie" (Drew Barrymore), was infamous even before pioneering filmmakers David and Albert Maysles turned their cameras on them. First cousins to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the Beales inhabited Grey Gardens, a decaying East Hampton mansion filled with cats, garbage and raccoons. After neighbors reported the smell, the health department arrived, and so did photographers. And soon after them, the Maysleses.



Drew Barrymore and Jessica Lange as "Little Edie" and "Big Edie," respectively.

Combining elements of "Sunset Blvd." and Dickens' Miss Havesham, with characters and dialogue seemingly lifted from an underground film by Andy Warhol or John Waters, "Grey Gardens" became one of the most disturbing films ever made and, at the same time, a peculiar cult camp sensation.

I'm happy to announce that rather than merely exhaust this much-explored territory, HBO's "Grey Gardens" adds new layers to our understanding of the suf-

focating relationship between mother and daughter. Flashing from the 1970s to the 1930s and back again, we learn about both Edies' brittle eccentricities, and how Big Edie drove her husband away and drew her vulnerable, flighty daughter closer.

This arresting adaptation provides Barrymore with a transformative performance, one that may liberate her from the cute romantic roles that have defined her career. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

weekend lineup

BOGART CLASSIC

Turner Classic Movies continues its 15th birthday celebration by allowing fans to program their movies, including favorites such as **THE MALTESE FALCON** (8 p.m., TCM, Fri.).

THEY'RE STILL AT IT

PRISON BREAK (9 p.m., Fox, Fri.) returns with Michael and Sarah using their thumbs to attract riders and Lincoln getting the lowdown from Christina. This marks the final season, or half-season, for "Prison Break." It will wrap up with a two-hour series finale on May 15.

WILD, WILD NORTH

Video footage and dramatic reenactments recount dangerous encounters with animals and men on **UNTAMED ALASKA** (9 p.m., Discovery, Fri.).

GROUNDING FOR ETERNITY

Teen tantrums are no match for **THE WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS** (9 p.m., CMT, Sat.).

BLONDES ARE MORE FUNNY

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.) compiles the best of Amy Poehler's performances.

REAL-LIFE TRAGEDY

The nonfiction-to-feature trend continues with **NATALEE HOLLOWAY** (8 p.m., Lifetime Movie Network, Sun.), starring Tracy Pollan as a



Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell and "Prison Break" are back on Friday.

mother desperate to find her missing daughter

TEACHER'S LOUNGE DRAMA

The new cartoon comedy **SIT DOWN, SHUT UP** (8:30 p.m., Fox, Sun.) follows the dysfunctional faculty of a subpar high school.

EVER-MARRIED MAN

Showtime has announced that **THE TUDORS** (9 p.m., Showtime, Sun.) will conclude after the next season, its fourth. Henry's on wife No. 3 now, so he has to hurry up. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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►► WEEKEND TOP STOPS



3 Tumbling Traditions

Eat your heart out, Cirque du Soleil. There's a new cast of awe-inspiring air tumblers on the scene. The National Acrobats of China put on a dazzling display of juggling, illusions and other feats that is guaranteed to make you wish you hadn't given up gymnastics when you were 8. B.A. → George Mason University Center for the Arts, Route 123 and Braddock Road; Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., \$23-\$46; 703-993-8888.



1 Planet Love

In case you forgot, Earth Day is coming up Wednesday. And now you're going to have to drop whatever you were doing on Sunday and go see the face-meltingly fantastic lineup at this weekend's free Earth Day concert on the National Mall. Chevy Chase is emceeing the show, which includes headliners the Flaming Lips. These space rock pioneers are not to be missed, even when you have to pay for tickets. F.Z.

→ National Mall between the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial; Sun., 12 p.m., free; 202-485-9880. (Smithsonian)



2 Room of One's Own

Living in a city, you're always thinking about space: space to live, space to walk, however many square feet of space your apartment is. The Deborah Riley Dance Projects has space on the brain, too — it's presenting a modern dance piece about issues of space and environment. N.O.

→ Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun., 7 p.m., \$22; 202-269-1600. (Brookland)



Compiled by Express' Brian Austin, Nicole Ocran and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day at Expressnightout.com/topstops.

Poll Center

DO YOU THINK THE BANK BAILOUTS WERE A GOOD USE OF TAXPAYER MONEY?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 67%
YES 33%

"Bailing out the banks was a fine use of taxpayer money; not requiring broader oversight, however, was a poor use of congressional power."

COMMENTER WAS BUF., NOW WAS., WHO ADDED, "NOW THAT BANKS ARE REPORTING PROFITS ONCE AGAIN, I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ARE STILL QUESTIONING THIS DECISION."

"No, I do not think they were a good use of money. The banks should have solved these problems on their own; those that could not stand up to the pressure should have been allowed to fail."

COMMENTER MICHAEL, WHO ADDED, "THIS CONCEPT OF 'TOO IMPORTANT TO FAIL' IS LUDICROUS AT BEST AND TREACHEROUS AT WORST."

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"SMITH POINT, as a venue, has so much potential. [It] has all of the necessary requirements for a good time. My only complaint is the general pervasiveness of narcissism and entitlement."

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JUST LEARNED THE ROPES OF THE SNOTTY SOCIAL SCENE AT THE GEORGETOWN BAR.



ANDREW WILLIGAN/AP



"BECAUSE WHEN I NEED sartorial advice, I turn to George Will, a man who has been wearing the same uniform — dark suit, white shirt, red or blue tie ... — since he was 6."

A COMMENTER AT WONKETTE.COM WAS AMUSED BY WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST GEORGE WILL, WHO ASSERTS THAT AN ABUNDANCE OF DENIM IS RUINING THE PSYCHE OF AMERICA.

"Our entertainment industry is so trained to judge everything by appearances and age that a singer is judged before she even sings one note."

ECONO-GIRL.BLOGSPOT.COM IS A BIG FAN OF SUSAN BOYLE, ABOVE, WHO BECAME AN INTERNET STAR IN ENGLAND WHEN SHE WAS RIDICULED ON "BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT" BEFORE BELTING OUT A GLORIOUS TUNE.



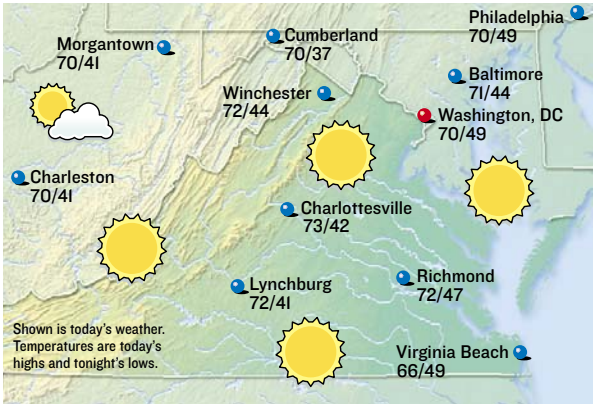
"Hulk Hogan [apparently] understands why people kill their wives. Hulk Hogan needs to not speak — ever."

MONSTERSANDCRITICS.COM IS A BIT STUNNED BY FORMER WRESTLER HULK HOGAN'S RECENT COMMENTS TO ROLLING STONE, WHICH INCLUDED, "I COULD HAVE TURNED EVERYTHING INTO A CRIME SCENE, LIKE O.J., CUTTING EVERYBODY'S THROAT," REFERRING TO HOGAN'S EX-WIFE'S CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH A 19-YEAR-OLD.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny and pleasantly warm	Mainly clear	Sunshine; breezy, warm, pleasant	Cooler with a shower possible	Mostly cloudy, chance for rain	Windy with a shower possible
70°	49°	78° / 51°	64° / 50°	59° / 49°	64° / 47°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 64°
Low 40°
Normal high 67°
Normal low 46°
Average humidity 48%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.16"
Month to date 2.52"
Normal month to date 1.46"
Year to date 7.52"
Last year to date 9.91"
Normal year to date 10.90"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

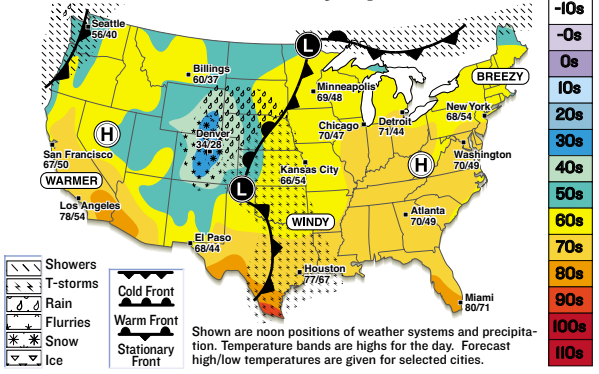
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 70. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 49. Wind west 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:47 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:29 a.m.
Moonset today 12:18 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, April 17



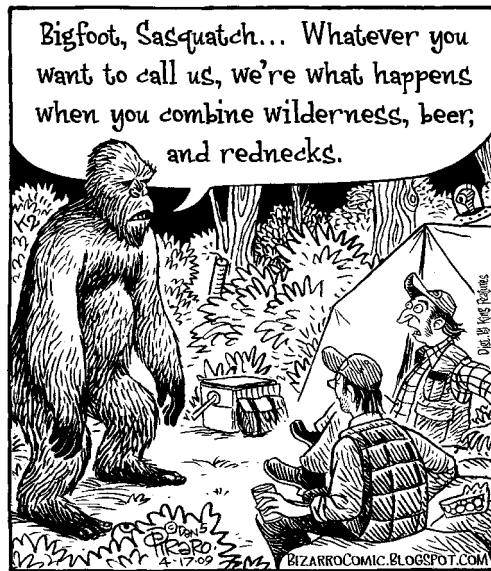
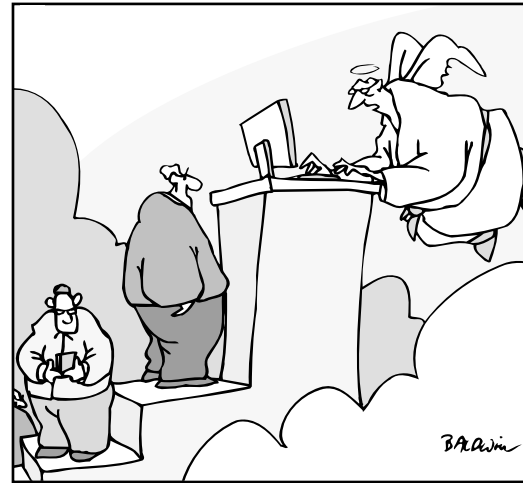
National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	70/49/s	70/53/pc
Boston	69/46/s	60/41/pc
Chicago	70/47/s	68/44/c
Dallas	68/57/t	77/54/pc
Denver	34/28/sn	40/32/sn
Honolulu	81/68/pc	82/70/pc
Los Angeles	78/54/s	82/56/s
Miami	80/71/s	79/67/s
New York City	68/54/s	74/49/pc
Orlando	78/63/s	81/60/s
Seattle	56/40/r	62/44/s

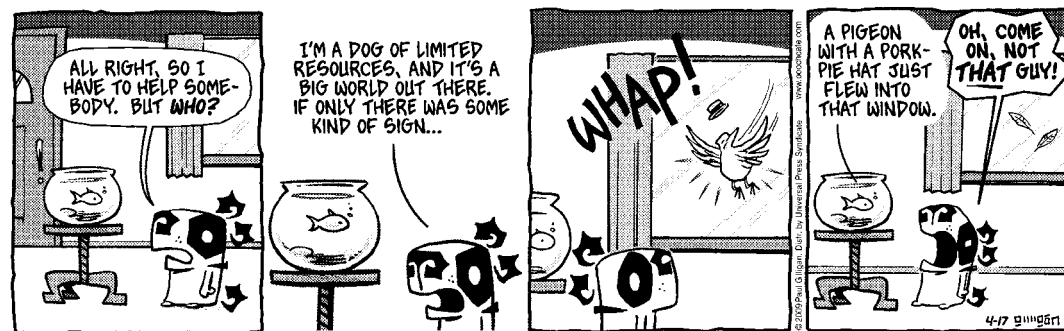
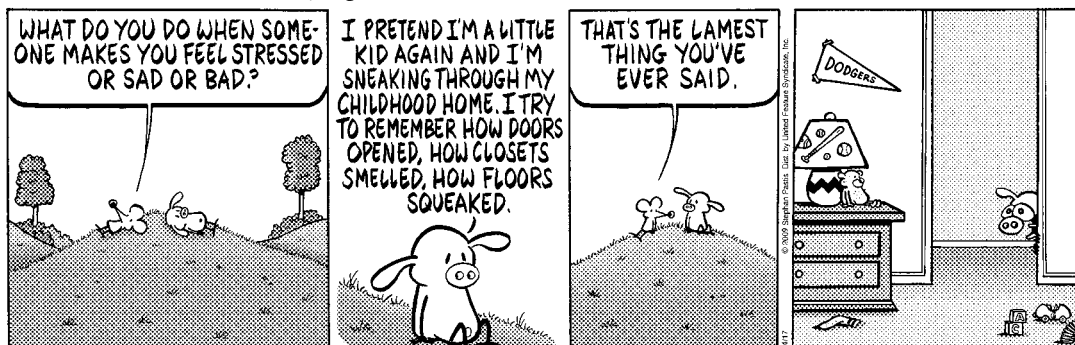
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	54/46/r	61/46/pc
Athens	72/60/s	74/59/s
Berlin	64/51/sh	63/46/pc
Buenos Aires	82/64/s	73/55/c
Calgary	57/33/pc	52/29/c
Dublin	52/41/sh	54/39/pc
Geneva	56/47/sh	64/47/pc
Moscow	45/32/pc	43/28/r
Rome	65/52/pc	68/53/sh
Sydney	73/57/s	72/59/pc
Tokyo	63/54/r	71/57/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"You were a shoo-in. Then I stumbled across your blog."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's a good day to concentrate on health issues — both mental and physical, for you cannot afford to sacrifice either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's no use in keeping a pertinent piece of news from someone in charge; he or she is going to find out anyway. Be open and up-front.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The ins and outs of a given domestic situation may prove rather complicated at first, but later in the day you'll understand the whole story.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't come across as manipulative in any way. Anything that smacks of deceit or duplicity is likewise undesirable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in a position to give others precisely what they want — but don't kill someone with kindness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What seems cold and calculating to some is merely being careful to you — and you'll want to keep it up in order to reach a certain goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Now is not time to make excuses. Instead of trying to explain away an error in judgment, work harder to avoid any in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You know how to make money work harder for you, but even you may be stumped by an unexpected development on the financial front.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Keep an eye on what others are doing, and you may pick up a few pointers that can serve you well in the time to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You've been approaching business matters in a more emotional manner lately, and it shows in the results. Get back to business as usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be starting a new phase of excitement and exploration at this time. Be sure that you have all necessary tools at your disposal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It may seem as though things aren't going your way early in the day, but later on you'll enjoy a turnaround that favors your efforts.

Today in History

1521 Martin Luther goes before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (He was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

1861 The Virginia State Convention votes to secede from the Union.

1969 A jury in Los Angeles convicts Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

1970 The astronauts of Apollo 13 splash down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

2004 Searchers find the body of missing North Dakota college student Dru Sjodin. (Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. is under sentence of death for kidnapping and killing Sjodin.)



The Apollo 13 astronauts are shown shortly after their return April 17, 1970.

2008 Pope Benedict XVI, during his first visit to Washington, D.C., as pontiff, talks and prays privately with survivors of the clergy sex abuse scandal in what's believed to be a first-ever meeting between a pontiff and abuse victims.

lookout people



DEBATES
Passive-Aggression So Vast
It Can Be Seen From Space

Candy Spelling sent a plea for reconciliation to her daughter, **TORI SPELLING**, via the latter's Web site, E! Online reported. "You haven't responded to my emails, phone calls and text messages," she wrote. "She knows how to reach me, she knows where we live," Tori Spelling told People magazine. (EXPRESS)

APPROPRIATE
Next Time He'll Say, 'Turn
18, Then Make a Sex Tape'

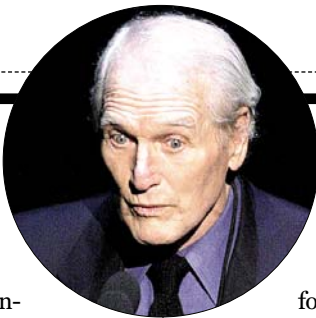
JAMIE FOXX has apologized to **MILEY CYRUS** for a radio routine in which he urged the 16-year-old to "make a sex tape and grow up." "I didn't mean it maliciously," Foxx said on the "Tonight" show Tuesday. "Sometimes as comedians, you know, we go a little too far," he said. (AP)

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CONFUSION
Derby Thinks It's Baseball

Country music star **LEANN RIMES** will start a new tradition at the Kentucky Derby this year. Rimes will be the first national recording artist to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the race track in Louisville, Ky., as part of the Derby Day ceremonies on May 2. Churchill Downs Senior Vice President Kevin Flanery says Rimes' act will "begin a 21st-century Derby tradition." (AP)



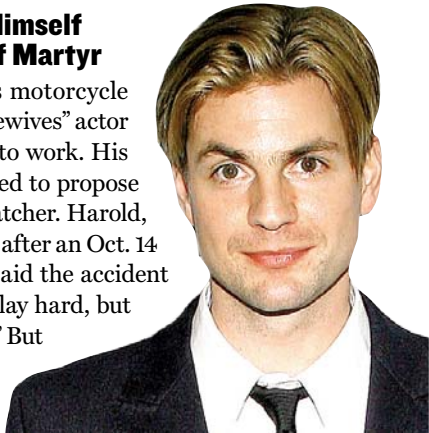
EGO
Tiny Little
State Snaps
Up Big Names,
Remains Tiny

PAUL NEWMAN is joining Katharine Hepburn, Mark Twain, Jackie Robinson and others as members of the Connecticut Hall of Fame. Newman died in September at 83. He was a longtime Westport resident and an Oscar-winning star of stage, television and films. He also

was known as a champion of the underdog. He gave \$250 million to charities through his food company and set up camps for severely ill children. Newman was inducted into Connecticut's Hall of Fame on Thursday. The president of the Newman's Own Foundation received the award on behalf of Newman and his wife, actress Joanne Woodward. (AP)

HEALED
Drama Queen Makes Himself
Out to Be Some Kind of Martyr

Six months after a serious motorcycle accident, "Desperate Housewives" actor **GALE HAROLD** has returned to work. His character, Jackson, is primed to propose to Susan, played by Teri Hatcher. Harold, 39, landed in intensive care after an Oct. 14 crash. On Wednesday, he said the accident taught him that "you can play hard, but you may have to pay a price." But it's a price he says he's paid back in full. (AP)



TWEETS
'Arise, Subjects'

OPRAH WINFREY is rumored to be unveiling a Twitter feed Friday, Gawker.com reported. According to the site, evidence includes a planned appearance by Ashton Kutcher on her show to talk about Twitter Friday. Other bloggers are also reporting her imminent tweeting, and Winfrey is said to have signed up for a Twitter account. (EXPRESS)



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